



STUDENTS IN THE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM AT THE PICKWICK PLACE

BES Afterschool Program: November 2018 Newsletter

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Family Engagement Night

Throughout the year, we will have different types of family engagement opportunities so our families can see firsthand what the BES Afterschool Program is all about.



For our first family engagement night, we had three workshops for our Afterschool Program students and their family members to attend. Mrs. Mutchler led a science, technology, engineering, and

math (STEM) activity called "Protect the Pilgrims."



Next, Mrs. Kohls led our literacy workshop. While the children's book *Owl Babies* was being read aloud, families made colorful paper owls.



Finally, students who attended family engagement night were given a \$15 voucher to spend at the Scholastic Book Fair, the final workshop.

Field Trips



Through our community partnership with Lowe-Volk Park, we were able to take our students in the Afterschool Program to the

Lowe-Volk Nature Center to go on a hike in the woods! While navigating the woods, students discovered animals in their natural habitats. Lowe-Volk staff taught our students to look for signs of specific animals that live in the woods such as prints and scat. Students also found the Sandusky River and located the point where it flows north and south.

Our students also had the opportunity to explore the Pickwick Place. They saw the strawberry fields and learned how strawberry plants are cultivated before being sold to the public. Students saw the apple tree fields and were walked through the process of how an apple grows all the way from a seed to an apple ready to eat. In addition, they learned what kinds of apples are grown in the area and participated in an apple tasting where they compared tart apples with sweet apples.

Community Partners



Whitney Walterhouse from the OSU Extension Office visited us again this month to do a SNAP Education lesson. Students compared the amount of sugar in



a variety of drinks before making their own lemon soda.

Enrichment



This month Mr. Feck taught our students about the elements of art through an activity called Aboriginal Hand Prints. Mr. Feck likes this activity because “the stenciled hand print and aboriginal style drawings help children relate to the Australian Aboriginal Culture while helping them understand the use of line in art.”

As for science, 3rd and 5th grade students have been making fossils of trilobites, ammonites, and brachiopods with Ms. Sutter. They also talked about what the organisms looked like and where they could be found.



Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 3rd & 10th guest speaker Amanda Sheets (Success Center)
- Dec. 5th guest speaker Desiree Levering (Marion-Crawford Prevention)
- Dec. 12th guest speaker Lisa Bogard (Lowe-Volk)
- No AM/PM program Dec. 19-20th. AM/PM Program resumes Jan. 7th